



## Interesting Facts:

- Established in 1891
- Total size of 18,661.21 square miles
- The second largest county by land area in the Lower 48 States
- Total population of 134,511
- Contains Humphreys Peak, the highest elevation in Arizona

## What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Coconino County Comprehensive Plan serves as a roadmap for the future by establishing goals and policies to direct growth responsibly, solve problems, and improve the quality of life for county residents. This plan is driven not only by the issues that citizens have identified as critical, but also by long-range goals based on our vision of the future. The Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors on September 23, 2003 and serves as the official guide for the development of the county. Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan is supported by County Area Plans and the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

## How can the Comprehensive Plan affect my life as resident of Coconino County?

A Comprehensive Plan is a community based "wish list" for the region. The Coconino County Comprehensive Plan serves as the basis for all decisions by the County Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors regarding future land use, growth, and development, while striving to preserve and enhance the special and unique qualities of the County.

## What is the difference between the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan?

The Coconino County Comprehensive Plan sets forth goals and policies designed to accomplish the desired future of the County as expressed through Vision Statements contained in the plan. In other words, the plan is a visionary document as opposed to a regulatory document. The Zoning Ordinance is a regulatory document and is used as a tool to implement the plan.

## Why is the County updating the Plan?

The first Comprehensive Plan of Coconino County was adopted in 1975, and that plan was superseded by a new plan in 1990. The Comprehensive Plan was entirely rewritten as a conservation-based plan in 2003. Arizona Revised Statutes require the plan to be updated or readopted every 10 years. The current revision reflects this required 10-year update.

## Who's involved?

The Comprehensive Plan update is accomplished through a process of meetings and public outreach events facilitated by Coconino County Community Development. The Comprehensive Plan Management Team and Core Planning Team are comprised of County Planning Staff. The Board of Supervisors has appointed a citizen advisory committee known as the Comprehensive Plan Committee who is responsible for creating the plan update with the assistance of County Planners. In addition, there is a Science Advisory Group and Interagency Work Group that help ensure that the Plan is based on the best available science and is consistent with other land management agency plans.

## How do I get involved?

All Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings are open to the public and occur from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Community Development Dept at 2500 North Fort Valley Road on the last Thursday of the month. In addition, there will be a variety of special public outreach events during the planning process. There is also an interactive web site to facilitate public involvement, which can be accessed at [www.coconino.az.gov](http://www.coconino.az.gov). Public input is extremely important to ensure that the Plan reflects the values and desires of the residents of Coconino County.

## What type of data is used or considered when updating the plan?

The most frequent considerations for developing revisions of the Comprehensive Plan involve data related to social and economic conditions, traffic conditions, environmental factors, land use factors, and community character. Specifically for this update, the Board of Supervisors has asked the Comprehensive Plan Committee to focus on creating two new elements to address Economic Development and Sustainability, with minor edits and updates to other existing elements.